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Dear Ms. Hesse:

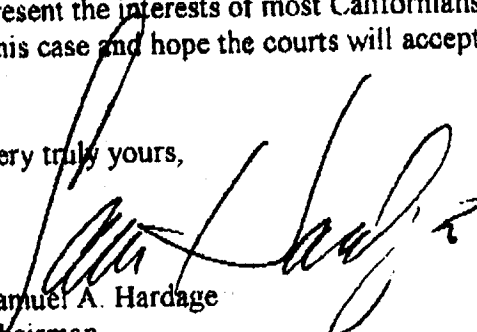
This letter is being written in support of the settlement in the case of US v. Microsoft. As a civic activist and opinion leader in California, I am writing this letter to let the courts know that polling has shown a majority of Californians do not support the continuation of this case.

One would think Californians have little tolerance for Microsoft. With Attorney General Lockyer and newspapers like the San Jose Mercury News (among the harshest of Microsoft's critics), the appearance of Californians as anti-Microsoft is strong. But recent polling proves that is not the case.

A poll done in August of 2001 found that sixty-five percent of Californians believe the case against Microsoft should be settled or dropped altogether. This same poll found the vast majority of Californians (85%) in no way support breaking Microsoft up.

Attorney General Lockyer does not represent the interests of most Californians. We do not support the continuation of this case and hope the courts will accept the settlement.

Very truly yours,



Samuel A. Hardage
Chairman